[*Translation*] Corruption

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Declaration of Assets by persons holding public posts

*710. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make it obligatory for the persons holding public posts and the members of their families to declare their assets annually;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). There is a code of Conduct for Ministers under which every Minister has to make a declaration of his assets and liabilities by 31st March annually. So far as the Senior Officers of the Central Government are concerned, they are Governed by Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, and instructions issued thereunder. Similar provisions also exist in the respective service rules and Manuals which govern the service conditions of all India Services, State Government Employees, and Judicial Services.

(c). Question does not arise.

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[*English*] Pakistan

News Items Captioned 'Ultras Massed on Indo-Pak Border'

5737. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Ultras massed on Indo-Pak Border' appearing in the Times of India dated May 18, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter along-with the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government do not have any specific information about the number of persons massed along the line of control, referred to in the news item. However, Government keep a constant watch on the situation along the border and take appropriate action from the time to time to maintain full defence preparedness.

[*Translation*] 66

Bauxite Deposits in Bihar

5738. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are huge deposits of bauxite in Gumla and Lohardaga districts of Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to set up bauxite based industries in those districts to avoid expenditure on transportation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a). There are no huge deposits of Bauxite in Gumla and Lohardaga districts of Bihar. The total estimated reserves are 4.47 million tonnes and 14.1 million tonnes respectively.

(b). No, Sir.

(c). Does not arise.